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Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

May/June 2004

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### SOWINGS

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At the CASTL meeting with Library Friends members in Friend on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had the opportunity to hear from Ruth Carlson, Deb Weber and Stephen Schatz with the Department of Revenue. They provided us all with some great information regarding sales tax and fund raising activities, such as lotteries and raffles. It was a great opportunity to have them join us, and I know it'll probably sound disingenuous, but we had a great time! In fact, so much so, that Jenni and I have selected our top ten tips:

1. Consumer Use Tax. This tax is the same as sales tax, the only difference is the consumer remits the tax to the state. So, for a retailer that does not charge sales tax, like an out-of-state or Internet vendor, it is the consumer who needs to remit the tax.
2. Auditors live in the past. We are responsible for what's happening in the present and sometimes by the time the auditor or revenue department catch up to the problem you could have a penalty or interest owed, exacerbating a problem.
3. Foundations owe sales tax, libraries or the city does not.
4. Library fines and non-resident cards are non-taxable. Other purchases at a library are taxable, including if you charge for copies. Libraries should post the cost, including the amount that is tax. (If you accept donations for copies, and you'd allow no donation, you don't have to tax.)
5. Bake sales are non-taxable, concession stands are taxable.
6. You don't need a license from the Department of Revenue for a lottery IF the gross proceeds are \$1000 or less, and no more than one per calendar month. You don't need a license for a raffle IF the gross proceeds are \$5,000 or less per calendar month. (You pay a 2% lottery/raffle tax of gross proceeds on a licensed lottery or raffle.)
7. A license for a lottery or a license for a raffle (distinction is important as the license is different) are only eligible to nonprofit organizations, or a volunteer

fire, first aid, rescue, ambulance or emergency squad. The organization must have 10 members in good standing, as defined in the organization bylaws. The key is you're organized other than just to perform a lottery or raffle.

8. Raffle means a gambling scheme in which:
  - Participants agree to pay something of value for an opportunity to win
  - Winning opportunities are represented by tickets differentiated by sequential enumeration
  - Winners are determined by a random drawing of tickets or by a race of inanimate buoyant objects
  - At least 80% of prizes to be awarded are merchandise which are not directly or indirectly redeemable for cash
9. Lottery means a gambling scheme in which:
  - Participants agree to pay something of value for an opportunity to win
  - Winning opportunities are represented by tickets differentiated by sequential enumeration
  - Winners are determined by a random drawing of tickets or by a race of inanimate buoyant objects
10. The present role of the Department of Revenue is to **educate** not to penalize.

For more information on sales tax go to the Department of Revenue website at: [www.revenue.state.ne.us](http://www.revenue.state.ne.us) and click on Nebraska Sales and Use Tax, or for information on lotteries and raffles go to Nebraska Charitable Gaming at: [www.revenue.state.ne.us/gaming](http://www.revenue.state.ne.us/gaming). There are also free NE Sales & Use Tax seminars this spring that should help in answering any sales tax questions, including a site in Seward, Lincoln, York, Beatrice and Auburn. For more information and to register go to: [www.revenue.state.ne.us/seminar.htm](http://www.revenue.state.ne.us/seminar.htm). You can also contact SELS for a copy of the handouts on charitable gaming and the lottery and raffle information guide provided at the CASTL meeting.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator

## The Five-Minute Strategic Plan

Marketing? Awareness	Gather information from community, institutions, professional sources, staff and library users and non-users.
Vision? Institution or community's future: Where are you going, and why?	Create a vision of a better tomorrow: What is the external strategic vision?
Mission? Library's future: Why? Where are you going, and why?	What will principles will the library follow to make the vision happen?
Goals? Measures of success: What?	If you are successful, your goals will be achieved. How do you measure success?
Strategies? Paths to success: What?	What are the plans to meet the goals?
Accountability? Who?	Who is going to be responsible for doing the work?
Benchmarks? When?	What are the deadlines for getting the work done?
Budgets? How much?	Resources are needed to get the work done: How much?
The tactics? Tasks: How?	The assignments, the activities, the procedures, the actions and the details of how you will get accomplish the strategies.
Marketing? Did we do it?	Did you accomplish the vision? Or, did you get so caught up in mission, goals, strategies, and tactics that you forgot?

**Remember Your Community!!!!**

*How **Not** to be Invisible: Asserting Your Library's Value with Marketing & Advocacy*

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## Sample strategic plans

Mission/Vision: Support the children's education SO all can go to college.

Goal: Technology tools for all children.

Strategy: Partner with schools, youth organizations and families.

Tactic (Action): Host collaboration meetings to pool resources.

Mission/Vision: Support economic development SO local economy turns around.

Goal: Provide entrepreneurial tools for farmers and ranchers.

Strategy: Education series with college on branding produce and meat.

Tactic (Action): Find funding for national speakers.

Mission/Vision: Support cultural programs SO new families move to town.

Goal: Provide intergenerational programs.

Strategy: Mother-daughter book clubs.

Tactic (Action): Find mother-daughter team to run program.

Mission/Vision: Support the children's education SO all can go to college.

Goal: Improve self-study resources for distance learners.

Strategy: Partner with college library on collection development.

Tactic (Action): Team college/library acquisitions.

Mission/Vision: Support economic development SO local economy turns around.

Goal: Market town internationally.

Strategy: Provide web expertise to create web site.

Tactic (Action): Hire web master for library/town.

Mission/Vision: Support cultural programs SO attract new families to town.

Goal: Sponsor one BIG event a year to put town on map.

Strategy: Attract fun, big-name star for performance.

Tactic (Action): Send librarian to Cannes for fact-finding tour.

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# Calendar Page

## May

★ **May 7<sup>th</sup>: SELS Training Extravaganza** at Hamilton College (formerly Lincoln School of Commerce) at 1821 K Street in Lincoln. Lewis and Clark, planning, Childrens and Adult programs are planned for the training. Details and registration at the SELS website: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/te2004.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/te2004.html)

**May 14<sup>th</sup>:** A meeting of the **Nebraska Library Commissioners** will be held from 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at the Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 "N" Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, Nebraska which meeting will be open to the public. Contact: Maria Medrano-Nehls/402-471-2045/800-307-2665/[mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us).

**May 17<sup>th</sup>: Understanding E-metrics for Public Libraries** a free workshop from 9 to 12 at Omaha Public Library (215 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street), Meeting Room 2 & 3. The workshop will be led by Joe Ryan, Senior Research Associate at the Information Institute and co-author of the manual "Statistics and Performance Measures for Public Library Networked Services". The instructional session is designed for those who consult or instruct within their library, state library agency, or consortia, or want to better understand how to evaluate electronic services/resources. The session will cover the following topics: A general introduction to e-metrics, what they are, and why they are important to the library community; An introduction to the online module Web site, design, and features; Specific instruction on selected e-metrics; and Data use and presentation strategies. To register, please go to [www.ii.fsu.edu/emis/registration/index.cfm](http://www.ii.fsu.edu/emis/registration/index.cfm).

★ **May 20<sup>th</sup>: NLA Public Library Section Spring Meeting** at Seward Memorial Library from 10 to 3:30. Choose from *Being a Professional Person – It Is Not All About the Credential* with Mary Bushing or *Teen Space: Capturing Teen Imagination in the Library* with Kim Bolan Taney.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>: C&U Spring Meeting, "Effective Practices for Academic Libraries"** at Concordia University in Seward. Keynote address is: Conveying the Big Picture: Information Literacy, Academic Libraries and Campus Culture, delivered by Dr. Timothy R. Austin, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Creighton University. Session topics include: Shelfreading Effectively; Building a Library Intranet; You've Got Archives; Content Linking & User Expectations; Online Information Research Strategies for Students; Building an Information Literacy Program; Organizing the Bits; Special Collections & Savvy Librarians to Help You Find What you Need; and The Invisible Web: Internet Resources Search Engines Can't Find. The registration form and the preliminary program are available at the C&U Section's website: [reinert.creighton.edu/cu/spmtg2004/Spring2004intro.htm](http://reinert.creighton.edu/cu/spmtg2004/Spring2004intro.htm).

**May 25<sup>th</sup>:** Duncan Smith, the creator of **Novelist**, will present a **workshop on working with fiction and how it fits into your customers' lives**. He will also talk briefly about Novelist and other EBSCO products. Session 1 will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Session 2 (a repeat of Session 1) will be from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held at Abrahams Branch (5111 North 90th Street). Please call Phyllis Reeves at 444-4837 to register.

**May 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>: Mayhem in the Midlands Mystery Conference** sponsored by Omaha Public Library and Lincoln City Libraries at the Sheraton Hotel (1615 Howard Street) in Omaha. For details visit: [www.omaha.lib.ne.us/mayhem/](http://www.omaha.lib.ne.us/mayhem/) or contact Jennifer Kirchmann at: [jkirchmann@omaha.lib.ne.us](mailto:jkirchmann@omaha.lib.ne.us) or (402)444-4828.

## June

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>: The Nature of Lewis & Clark on the Great Plains.** The 28th annual interdisciplinary symposium will be held at the Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, Nebraska, on June 3-5, 2004, sponsored by the Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Keynote speakers: John Logan Allen, University of Wyoming and James L. Reveal, University of Maryland. Presentation topics are botany, climatology, geology, hydrology, ornithology and zoology. For more information see: [www.unl.edu/plains/events/2004/index.html](http://www.unl.edu/plains/events/2004/index.html). Contact: 402-472-3082, [cgps@unl.edu](mailto:cgps@unl.edu).

★ **June 9<sup>th</sup>: Joint NEMA/SELS Training.** Join your colleagues for a full day of engaging and relevant training that will cover Video on Demand (The Dept of Education contract for video streaming at all media centers), NebraskAccess (NLC's portal & virtual link to information that folks can now access from home, from schools, or office, or wherever), Book Talks & Book Exhibit –including non-fiction for teens, and Personality Traits using Real Colors at Norris Senior High School. Not just for media specialists. To register and for more information go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/NEMA.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/NEMA.html), or call Jenni at 800-288-6063, or see page 15.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>: The 2004 Database Roadshow** from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Seward Memorial Library. The seventh annual Database Roadshow will cover NebraskAccess including the databases available and the Librarian's Toolbox, where librarians can go to find promotional and training information. The Roadshow will be divided into segments, with each focusing on a particular database. During each segment we will discuss and demonstrate a database, and then the class will have hands on time to practice what they learned. Please bring any questions you may have and we will help you work through them during the hands on time. There will be a one hour lunch break at *approximately* 11:30. Lunch is on your own. There is no cost to attend the Database Roadshow. Continuing Education credits of 5 hours can be earned by attending the Roadshow. To register go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/roadshow.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/roadshow.html).

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>: Nebraska Summer Writers' Conference.** The 2004 conference offers 18 writing workshops, 7 on the weekend and 11 during the week. Courses include Novel, Short Story, Poetry, Travel and Nature Writing, Mystery, Memoir, Screenwriting, Television Writing, and Publishing. Weekend workshops will meet Saturday and Sunday. Week-long workshops will begin Sunday evening and will meet daily Monday through Friday. In addition to the workshops, the weeklong activities include panels on publishing, readings, and individual conferences. For more information visit [www.unl.edu/nsw/](http://www.unl.edu/nsw/), or contact Jonis Agee, (402)472-1834 or [jagee@unl.edu](mailto:jagee@unl.edu).

★ **June 22<sup>nd</sup>: SELS Annual Meeting** at Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora. The meeting is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the cost is \$10 which includes lunch. 10 - 10:30 Strobe; 10:30 - 11 Video; 11 - 11:30 Lunch (catered in). There will be a business meeting following lunch. Please register with the System office: [jennip@alltel.net](mailto:jennip@alltel.net) or 800-288-6063. See page 16.

**June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>: Midwest Internet Institute** from 8:30 to 3:30 at Southwest High School (7001 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln). The Midwest Internet Institute is a two-day Nebraska Educational Technology Association (NETA) sponsored conference designed to meet the needs of K-12 educators, administrators, media specialists, school board members, technology specialists, higher education, city library professionals, parents and other groups who strive to use the power of the Internet in teaching and learning. The event includes over 100 breakout sessions presented by educators and technology specialists sharing Internet expertise and success stories from the classroom, a broad range of exhibitors, 22 hands-on workshops, and nationally recognized keynote and featured speakers. For more information: visit [mii.lps.org](http://mii.lps.org).

## July

★ **July 9<sup>th</sup>: CASTL meeting** at Auburn Memorial Library from 10 to 3. This is our joint meeting with Library Board Members.

**July 9<sup>th</sup>: A meeting of the Nebraska Library Commissioners** will be held from 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at the Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 "N" Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, Nebraska. Meeting will be open to the public. Contact: Maria Medrano-Nehls at (800)207-2665 or [mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us).

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>: "We're All In This Personnel Thing Together"** workshop from 9:30 to 3:30 at Platte River State Park with attorneys: Maggie Stine and Jack Schulz. See page 13 for registration and additional information.

**July 31<sup>st</sup>: Norfolk Public Library's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Literature Festival** at the Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College, 801 East Benjamin Avenue in Norfolk. Programs include: Golden Sower Previews; Illustrator – Robert J. Blake (Riptide and Togo); Authors – Elisa Carbone (Storm Warriors), and Will Weaver (Memory Boy). The festival includes autograph sessions with the presenters and books displays and sales. For more information or to register contact: Karen Drevo at: [kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us](mailto:kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us) or (402)844-2100.

## August

★ **August 5<sup>th</sup>: CASTL meeting** at Burkley Resource Center in DeWitt from 10-3. This will be our joint meeting with Media Specialists.





# News

# Around the system

All the Whos down in Whoville, uh, all the students in **Lewiston** had a wonderful time celebrating the Seussentennial with media specialist Debbie Goossen. Students read 1400 books in eight weeks to create a paper link chain that nearly made it all around the school, found hidden Whos around the school which were turned in for a treat, bunny-hopped their way through an obstacle course, decorated cookies, acted out a videotaped reader's theatre performance of Dr. Seuss's "The Big Brag", and enjoyed a Family Reading Night in the school media center which concluded with a trivia game for all ages. I'm sure Deb has motivated her students to keep them reading until the next Seussentennial!



Lewiston Public School students



**Czech** Club members pictured in front of one of the boards are Jean Lamp, president; Jo Ann Kuester, vice president; Mary Jo Karnopp, secretary; Sheila Kulhanek, treasurer; Pat Carpenter, resource chairman, and Pam Hromadka, holding one of the **Czech** books.

The Nebraska Czechs of York and Surrounding Communities (NCYSC) and the Friends of the Library each recently donated a covered bulletin board to place in the lobby of **Kilgore Memorial Library**. The NCYSC also donated Czech-related books to the library. A brass plaque on each of the two boards designates the donating organization.

*York News-Times/Doris Bingham*

York has also recently started a birthday book program, allowing the birthday child to select a book to add to the library's collection with the help of a \$10 donation from the family. Due to the resignation of Elmer Baker for health reasons, Zach Suddarth has been named to the Kilgore Memorial Library Board. **Robin Brooks** (Kilgore Memorial Library – York) graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors from Bellevue University with her BA in Management on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Robin thought this might inspire another library staff person to go back to school and finish their degree. She worked fulltime during the three years, with plenty of help from family, friends, and supportive staff. Congratulations, Robin! P.S. Robin is now working on her MLS – You go girl!

The **Crete Public Library** recently completed the Crete READS poster project for National Library Week, with 12 individuals posing with their favorite books. Posters included staff from various city departments, as well as the UPS delivery person. The personalized READ posters now decorate the library.

The **Gilbert Public Library** in Friend, and the **Burkley Resource Center** in DeWitt have each started a Library Friends Group. La Raine Cihak, library director describes the group in Friend as a "Booster Club for the library." They are having a contest with students from the high school to design a logo for the group. Gerry Powers, library director in DeWitt says one of the Friends first projects there will be a library float on July 3<sup>rd</sup> as part of the library's 100 years of service.

**Weeping Water Public Library** now has their catalog (<http://139.55.218.39/webopac/main>) on the Internet via the System Administrators LSTA grant project for Follett WebCollection Plus with the hard work and determination of their director Jan Aronson. Great work Jan!

**Exeter Public Library** will be celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June. Nina Bartu, library director, plans to incorporate Exeter history into the Summer Reading Program. The library will also be hosting a book fair, doing some renovation of Storybook Park (located behind the library), the Women's Club is planting a tree for new babies in the community and will be handing out cards modified from the "Leading to Reading" postcards (designed by Seward Public Library) enclosed in a diaper-shaped package.

New Nebraskans video available through **Lincoln City Libraries**-Interlibrary Loan. Over the past 30 years, Nebraskans have welcomed many new immigrants and refugees into our communities. These new Nebraskans come from a variety of locales such as Africa, Iraq, Mexico and Vietnam. The experiences of several of Lincoln's newest residents are documented in the video "The New Nebraskans" produced by Nebraska Educational Television. Copies of this 37 minute video are available for customer loan through Lincoln City Libraries interlibrary loan department. For additional information about the video, contact Sheila Jacobs at 402.441.8546 or e-mail at: [s.jacobs@mail.lcl.lib.ne.us](mailto:s.jacobs@mail.lcl.lib.ne.us).

Making dreams come true for the national "Seconds Winds Dream" program has been keeping FCCLA busy. On Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, the local chapter granted Wilma Kane's wish to be a librarian.

The FCCLA has been interviewing residents of the Heritage Nursing Home for their legacy projects. During the interview with Wilma, Alli Bennett, FCCLA member, learned of Wilma's "dream".

Wilma had worked in a library in high school. The first year, she received credit and the second year, Wilma received 10 cents an hour. Wilma thought about going on to earn a library degree, but she got married and had children. However, she never gave up her love of reading and someday working in a library. Wilma, being 89 years young, was surprised to learn she would be the librarian at the [Fairbury] high school for an afternoon. Wilma toured the media center and went right to work checking out books to students. Wilma found the technology amazing and enjoyed seeing so many young people select reading books. She quickly learned how to check out books using the computer and barcode scanner. She commented that if she was to work in the media center, she would need different glasses in order to read the computer screen. When a student asked who wrote *The Hobbit*, Wilma responded before Mrs. McCain, the high school media specialist, could answer. She contributes her quick thinking to her hobbies of reading and doing cross-word puzzles.

The afternoon ended with a reception hosted by FCCLA honoring Wilma. Students and staff came in to wish Wilma well. The FCCLA chapter is also granting three other wishes through this project.

Article and photo courtesy of Fairbury Public Schools ([www.fairburyjeffs.org](http://www.fairburyjeffs.org))



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# News Around the System

At the **Wymore Library** we have been concentrating on the landscaping this spring. The underground sprinkler system has been installed and there are more projects in the works. Shrubs and grass are to be planted and a Memorial Garden completed. The Garden is our Foundation's project with money from the Jackie Nicholson Memorial. They are planning a dedication ceremony during Sam Wymore Days in June. The other projects are being funded from a generous donation. These landscaping projects will add an attractive touch and we will be several steps closer to completing our addition. Come join us during Sam Wymore Days! June 4-6.

Janet Roberts, Director

Christy Johnson is finishing up a busy first year as director of the **Hebron Seacrest Library**. The library is scheduled to complete their new addition by Memorial Day. Christy says, "It really has been a busy year and I am so looking forward to things becoming 'normal' again...whatever normal is. We will begin renovation of the library once the addition is complete. There we will repair plaster, paint, replace carpeting, create a reading area, and new computer work stations. Then it's on to the basement meeting room! When the work is completed we will be getting a library CAT! My hope is that he/she will have a newsletter to the local children, telling them of cool books to read and activities at the library. We will have a name the library cat contest upon his arrival!"

The **Dvoracek Memorial Library** in Wilber will have new carpeting thanks to the library Friends group. (Submitted by Nancy Vacek and Susie Homolka)

**Seward Public Library** had the following speakers for National Library Week: Pat Leach/Notable Book Talk; Karla Wendelin/Children's New Award-Winning Titles; Jonis Agee/The Pirate Cows of Nebraska: A Writer Explores the Sandhills. Becky Baker, Library Director, reports – "They all did a super job and we have received many compliments."



Back row: Karen Meir (ICON), Marty Magee (NLM/McGoogan), Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center), Maria Ford (St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center), Carolyn Dow (S&I, Polley Music Library/Lincoln City Libraries). Front Row: Susie Dunn (Southeast Community College), Sue Echols (Bryan/LGH), and Janet Lu (Nebraska Wesleyan).

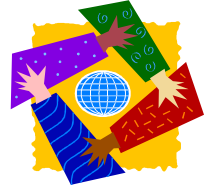
**The Lincoln Health Sciences Library Group (LHSLG)** met on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the new additional location for Southeast Community College Continuing Education Center at 68<sup>th</sup> & O Streets in the previous Gallup building. The group disbursed their treasury by giving \$250 to the NLA Planned Giving Program, \$700 to the S&I Section for programming that reflects the mission of LHSLG, and \$700 to ICON for scholarships and programming. LHSLG is a group that's been meeting since the 1960's and has proved to be a great resource for members in sharing information and networking with their peers.

Their next meeting is at the Lincoln Regional Center on September 8<sup>th</sup>.



News From Around the **Department of Corrections Libraries** includes:

- Sandy Elton, Lincoln Correctional Center Librarian, reports that the library is being painted and that they've received some great donations that have brought smiles to many library patrons' faces.
- Earl West, Diagnostic and Evaluation Center Librarian, just finished up the Read to Me Program with positive results. Inmates read a story that's recorded on video tape and then sent to their child or family member.
- Kellie Wiers, Tecumseh Librarian, reports their institution is still on modified lockdown due to recent violence, and has quite a few inmates interested in taking the legal aid class.
- Jan Axdahl, Nebraska Correctional Center for Women Librarian, has all books now on the Library Soft program (an automation program), and are using that for circulation. The law library continues to have heavy use, and the facility is at 198% capacity.
- Erin Egan-Osburn, Nebraska State Penitentiary Library, celebrated National Poetry Month with an inmate poetry writing project. She's noticed a huge demand from inmates to learn Spanish, and has Spanish inmates tutoring English inmates.
- John O. Arnold resigned his position as Director of the Department of Corrections libraries. Erin Egan-Osburn is the acting director.



# News Around the System

And the big news regarding *SoLiS* . . .

Our newsletter is now ONLINE courtesy of the Nebraska Library Commission. You can find the newsletter a couple of ways: through the Commission page ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/index.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/index.html)). They will be archived at: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/newsarchives.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/newsarchives.html)), through the Systems page, or go directly to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/newletters/southeast03042004.pdf](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/newletters/southeast03042004.pdf). You will need Adobe to read the newsletter, but you can download the latest version for free at: [www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html](http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html). Please let us know, email [jennip@alltel.net](mailto:jennip@alltel.net), if you would no longer like to receive the print version.



Brenda and I have been busy these past two months. From the Summer Reading Workshop in March, Pat Wagner this month, and the Training Extravaganza in May we've been taking registrations, lining up presenters, getting trinkets and the most fun, planning what to eat. Visiting communities like Deshler and Friend for CASTL to talk about Bibliostat and taxes (see the Sowings) gives everyone a terrific opportunity to network, learn stuff in a fun environment and see a different library and community.

Looking forward to actual summer and some normalcy (I agree with Christy though)! Let us know what you want from your System!



# News and Notes

The Nebraska Book Awards, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book and supported by the Nebraska Library Commission, recognizes and honors books written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or relating to Nebraska. Submit nominations for the 2004 Competition (books with a 2003 copyright) by June 30.

Books must be professionally published, have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and be bound. Books may be entered in one or more of the following categories: Anthology, Children/Young Adult, Cover Design/Illustrations, Fiction, Nonfiction, and Poetry. Certificates will be awarded to the winners in each category. Award winners will be announced at the Nebraska Book Festival on September 17-18, 2004 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The winning books will be displayed at the Book Festival. Winners will be entitled to display award stickers on their book covers.

For more information and entry forms see the Library Commission home page, <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/publications/BookAwardsInvitation.pdf> or contact Mary Geibel, 402- 471-2045, 800-307-2665, e-mail: [mgeibel@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:mgeibel@nlc.state.ne.us) for print. Send the entry form, three copies of the book, and the \$40 entry fee to NCB Book Awards, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

I know planning is underway for this coming summer. To assist you, the summer reading program video list of titles for loan from the Library Commission is now available on our home page. Visit: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/librarians.html#srp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/librarians.html#srp)

Also now available on that page is an electronic copy of the order form, and you can find instructions on how to use the clip art that came with your manual.

Happy trails!

Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission

## Build-It-Yourself Preschool Story Program

web site at: [www.ifls.lib.wi.us/YouthServices/buildastory.html](http://www.ifls.lib.wi.us/YouthServices/buildastory.html). The main purpose of the site is to provide children's librarians with another tool for creating story programs. Web sites are grouped into the following categories: Ready-To-Go-Lesson Plans, Fingerplays and Poems, Songs and Musical Activities, Crafts, Handouts and Coloring Sheets, and General Program Information. Thanks to Sandy Wallick, at Lincoln City Libraries, for sharing this.

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership with Target Stores and in cooperation with Nebraska Center for the Book and Weekly Reader Corporation, is pleased to announce that a Nebraska student writer was selected as a national winner in the **2004 Letters about Literature** contest.

**Jackson Fisher**, Lincoln, was honored for his letter to Carl Hiaasen, author of *Hoot*. State-level winners from Nebraska are **Kelsey Springsguth**, St. Libory; **Molly Keran**, Lincoln; **Amber Hoffman**, Omaha; **Philip Thrailkill**, North Platte; and **Alexander J. Lin**, Lincoln. Honorable Mention was awarded to **Paige Yowell** and **Stephanie Borgia**, both of Lincoln.

Readers in grades four through twelve wrote personal letters to authors, living or dead, from any genre-- fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, explaining how that authors' work changed their way of thinking about the world or themselves. Winners receive cash awards at the national and state levels. Nebraska winners were honored by the governor at a ceremony at the State Capitol and received cash awards and other prizes. As a national winner, **Jackson Fisher** will receive a Target gift card and a trip to Washington D.C. to read his letter during the National Book Festival on October 9, 2004. The next contest is expected to begin in early fall of 2004. For more information see [www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/letters.html](http://www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/letters.html).



# News and Notes

## **OCLC CATEXPRESS OFFER FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS: 13 MONTHS FOR THE PRICE OF 12**

NEBASE is offering a free trial month of OCLC CatExpress access to new subscribers. CatExpress provides web-based copy cataloging to small libraries at a low, flat-fee subscription price.

If you are cataloging 2,400 or fewer titles a year, CatExpress is the most efficient way to get your records into OCLC. A CatExpress subscription includes the cost of searching the WorldCat database, setting or deleting your holdings in WorldCat, receiving MARC records to load into your local system, and your telecommunications charges to OCLC.

The OCLC CatExpress trial subscription is a no-risk way to see if CatExpress is right for you and your library. Many libraries new to OCLC would like to know what kind of hit rate they will receive with CatExpress. You may also want to know how the records from OCLC can be processed by your local system. The trial option allows you to do real work with CatExpress, before committing to a subscription.

The introductory subscription is for the month of June 2003, and is free. If you do not wish to continue with CatExpress, simply cancel before the end of the month. If you do not cancel within that first month, the subscription automatically rolls over to the regular 12 month subscription, which runs from July 2003-June 2004.

NEBASE will be taking orders for CatExpress from now through May 15. The free trial month will begin on June 1, 2003. If you decide to continue with CatExpress after the free trial month is over, you don't need to do a thing. You will automatically be added to NEBASE's CatExpress Group Subscription. You will only pay for the regular 12 month subscription, receiving 13 months of CatExpress access for the price of 12.

To learn more about CatExpress, and to see the special NEBASE Group Subscription Pricing, go to [www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/catx.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/catx.html). Contact Christa Burns at [cburns@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:cburns@nlc.state.ne.us) or 800-307-2665 or 402-471-3107 if you have any questions and to sign up for the CatExpress offer.

### **New Websites from the Commission**

Thanks to all of you who helped get more library founding dates -- I think you'll find if you check this website again, I've added lot of dates due in large part to your assistance. Thanks for making this a helpful resource. [www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/libraryfoundingdates.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/libraryfoundingdates.html)

A collaborative effort between the Talking Book service and Staff has been a new books in series webpage -- [www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/booksinseries/index.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/booksinseries/index.html). For those who need to read books in series or can't remember who wrote the "abc" series -- you can find it here. Please don't hesitate to comment if your series isn't here and what we need to add or change.

Beth Gobel created an FAQ that was approved by our law library staff - which is also worthy of note: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/FAQ/nebraskalegalforms.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/FAQ/nebraskalegalforms.html).

Lastly - as a result of some workshops presented to the Nebraska Dept of Revenue -- this may come in handy if you work with any Nebraska State Employees: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/nse/](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nse/).

Lisa Kelly, Nebraska Library Commission Information Services, [lkelly@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:lkelly@nlc.state.ne.us).

### **Nebraska Trustees Survey**

A survey will be conducted this spring/early summer of the Nebraska Library Trustees. All Trustees are encouraged to participate and each board member will earn 2 hours of continuing education from the Nebraska Library Commission for completing the survey. If you are a Trustee, please plan to participate in this very important survey. Lynn Bradman, Social Science Professor Metro Community College and a PhD Student at ISU is conducting the survey. Your input is needed to help us plan activities and materials to better serve your needs. Thanks!

# Summer Reading Workshop 2004



Sally Synder from the Nebraska Library Commission told us why we have a Summer Reading Program, where Children's Library Services are going and gave us some great ideas on new picture books along with award winning titles.



Dave Marsh, musician extraordinaire, played music for us during lunch giving us some wonderful melodies and some program ideas.

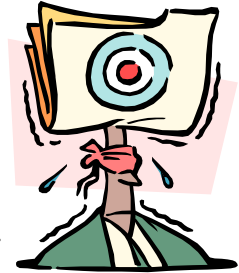


Ardis Moody describes life and culture in the Fur Trade era, plus gives us some great contacts to help us go back in time this summer.

Really our participants are paying attention to the presenters, not each other as the photo layout would suggest, but there was plenty of time to get ideas, share programs, and make dies throughout the day.



***“We’re all in this personnel thing together,  
aren’t we?”***



**Friday, July 23, 2004, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Platte River State Park, 14421 346th St., Louisville**

**Municipal clerks, Board members, Librarians:** Mark your calendars for a public library-related personnel workshop coming to your part of Nebraska in July 2004. Maggie Stine and Jack Schultz, two attorneys with labor expertise from the law firm of Harding, Schultz & Downs, will present a jam-packed workshop at four locations across the state.

If you have ever been kept up nights by worrying about:

- Performance evaluations, recruitment and hiring
- Wages and benefits
- Conflicts of interest
- Disciplining
- Termination
- Volunteers
- Board powers
- Grievances
- The “open meetings” law
- “At will” employees
- Personnel policies, etc.

then this is the workshop for you. **Come one, come all: city, township, or village clerks, library board members, and library directors.** You will learn and be able to share information with others in your community about how to handle personnel issues.

Cost to attend: **\$10** for first person registered from each town; **\$5** for each additional person from the same town. For example, if your city clerk, a library board member, and the librarian attend, all three will participate and have lunch for \$20. Lunch will be provided onsite. Each person participating in either the Public Librarian or Board Certification process will receive **5 CE credits**.

**Personnel Workshop July 2004  
Registration Form**

Name and position of each attendee:

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Library 

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Street Address 

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City 

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 ZIP code 

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Phone 

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 Platte River State Park (Louisville), July 23

Amount enclosed \$ 

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 Make checks out to the Nebraska Library Commission. (Calculate fee by starting with \$10 for the first person from your town and adding \$5 for each additional person.) **Payment must be received by July 10 to complete registration.**

Send payment with registration form, including location and sandwich preference for each participant, to: Jacque Crocker, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, Suite 120, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023. Call her at 800-307-2665 or 402-471-4037, fax: 402-471-2083, or e-mail reservations to [jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us). For questions concerning the workshop content, please contact Richard Miller at the above address or by e-mail at [rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us).

These workshops are sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission, in cooperation with the Regional Library Systems, and supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, as administered by the state of Nebraska.



## ***Call for Board Nominations***

**The Southeast Library System is seeking nominations of persons representing member libraries to serve on the System Board of Directors. Board members will be elected to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2004. Nominees may be librarians, trustee, or library users. Please nominate yourself or someone else you think would be a valuable addition to the board.**

### **Who Can Be On the Board, and What is Involved in Board Membership?**

Nominations are received from 15 counties in the Southeast Library System geographic area: Hamilton, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Saline, Nemaha, Fillmore, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson. Board members should be representative of a) public libraries, b) school libraries and media centers, c) academic libraries, d) special and institutional libraries, or e) users and trustees of such libraries.

The Board governs the Southeast Library System. It is similar to a public library board of trustees or the board of any non-profit organization. Member responsibilities include approval of policies, plans and budget, and selection and evaluation of the System Administrator.

Members serve three-year terms and are eligible for two consecutive terms. The Board usually meets six times a year, at times and places chosen by the members. Meetings last about three hours. Members do not receive a salary, wage or fee for their services. However, they are reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. Mileage to and from meetings is reimbursed at the federal rate; other reimbursed expenses include telephone and postage costs. Board members must have access to e-mail.

### **Who Currently Serves on the Board?**

Becky Baker, Seward, President; Jelayne Clark, Johnson, Vice-President; Rebecca Bernthal, Lincoln, Treasurer; Lisa Olivigni, Crete, Secretary; Sandy Elton, Lincoln; Debbie Goossen, Lewiston; Alicia Graybill, Fairbury; Ken Gunselman, York; Boni Hathaway, Auburn; Wanda Marget, Fairmont; Jan Thomsen, Aurora; Hope Schawang, Falls City; and Stephen Hunt, Platts-mouth.

**Mail your nomination by May 21, 2004 to: SELS, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Librarian/Media Specialist    Trustee    User

What special characteristics qualify this person for Board membership?

I have contacted this person and s/he has agreed to accept nomination to the Board (*circle one*)    yes    no

Nomination submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2004 Joint NEMA/SELS Training Institute

### June 9, 2004

### 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Join your colleagues for a full day of engaging and relevant training that will cover Video on Demand (The Dept of Education contract for video streaming at all media centers), NebraskaAccess (NLC's portal & virtual link to information that folks can now access from home, from schools, or office, or wherever), Book Talks & Book Exhibit—including non-fiction for teens, and Personality Traits using Real Colors at Norris Senior High School. This institute will help you build the skills you need to direct strong, proactive library media programs in your schools or public libraries.

### **Come One, Come All!**

The registration fee for this institute is \$10 – a bargain for a full day of training that includes lunch. Research shows that a collaborative learning community enhances student learning, so, media specialists, bring someone along to the Institute, like a non-NEMA member, your library paraprofessional, a teacher, administrator or volunteer. The Institute is a wonderful training opportunity for Public Library staff, too, and a great opportunity for library supporters from both public and school to network and become aware of shared or unique services and ways of working together.

One hour of college credit from UNO can be obtained by attending the full day of training and completing a series of activities which would make use of the skills gained in the institute. Requirements for college credit will be explained at each session. Participants also earn 4 hours CE from Nebraska Library Commission.

Contact Southeast Library System for more information, 800-288-6063 or jennip@alltel.net.

Join us at:                      Norris High School  
25211 S. 68th St. (3 miles south of Hickman)  
June 9, 2004  
9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

### **Schedule**

9:00 –9:45 — Video on Demand  
10:00-10:45 — NebraskaAccess  
11:00-11:45 —Book Talks/Book Exhibit  
11:45-12:15 — Lunch  
12:15-2:15 — Real Colors

A \$10 Registration Fee Must Be Enclosed for each person attending.

Registration deadline is **Wednesday, June 4, 2004. Make checks payable to NEMA.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration form to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505

*Southeast Library System*



*Annual Meeting*

*June 22, 2004*

*Edgerton Explorit Center, Aurora*

*Cost: \$10*

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10:00 – 10:30 — Strobe Alley

10:30 - 11 — Video

11– 11:30 — Catered Lunch

There will be a business meeting following lunch.

The SELS Annual Meeting, like all our board meetings, is open to the public, so come and join us! Or if lunch, a video, and the strobe speaks to you more than a board meeting, join us just for the morning. See you there!

**Annual Meeting Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Library/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a vegetarian meal?      Yes      No

Please send this form, with your \$10 fee, to Southeast Library System,  
5730 R Street, Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.



## EXCALIBUR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

The Public Library Section of the Nebraska Library Association is accepting nominations for the Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian. This award honors the career accomplishments of a public librarian who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to his/her local library and to the library profession. The following categories suggest areas in which the nominee may have rendered significant service. Preference will be given to those nominees who have achieved excellence in more than one of these areas:

- Development of outstanding service in field(s) of expertise, e.g. reference, children's, technical, administrative.
- Involvement in statewide library service.
- Record of library leadership in local community, regional area or in the Nebraska Library Association.
- Encouragement of community/institutional support for the library.

The nominee must be a member of the Public Library Section of the Nebraska Library Association. The 2004 Nomination Committee members are: John F. Dale, (chair), Ruth Strassler and Verda Bi-lac.

### Nomination Form

Please send a statement of nomination with a description of the nominee's contributions to any Excalibur Nomination Committee member. Supporting letters of nomination and other materials may also be submitted with nomination. Deadline for nominations is August 1, 2004.

Person Nominated\_\_\_\_\_

Library and Address\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Send nomination forms by **August 1** to:  
Current Excalibur Award Committee Chair:  
John F. Dale  
Lincoln City Libraries  
Bennett Martin Public Library  
136 S. 14<sup>th</sup>  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

**Deadline for nominations is August 1, 2004**

## *Paraprofessional of the Year*

The Paraprofessional Section of the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) accepts nominations for the Paraprofessional of the Year Award each year. This award is given annually to a paraprofessional who is a member of the Paraprofessional Section of NLA and who has demonstrated outstanding service in a library setting.

The recipient will be selected on the basis of all of the following criteria:

1. Innovative programs that the nominee has worked with which have resulted in new or improved library services.
2. Exceptional volunteer work in library service or related field.
3. Exceptional use of library resources, local or otherwise.
4. Significant involvement or leadership in NLA Paraprofessional Section; i.e., holding office, member of a committee, or workshop or conference presentation.

**Nominations are due on July 31 of each calendar year.** A special nomination form is available at [www.nol.org/home/NLA/PARA/paranomform.html](http://www.nol.org/home/NLA/PARA/paranomform.html). For a paper form or to submit a nomination please contact Mary Geibel, Paraprofessional Section Citations Committee Chair, Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N Street, The Atrium, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

The Award will be decided by the Paraprofessional Section Executive Board.

## *Mad Hatter Award*

Spring has sprung! It's a busy time for everyone, but NOW is the time to think of the Mad Hatter Award. We all know of a special librarian or media specialist who goes the extra mile to make the world of books come alive to young people. Nominate him or her for the Mad Hatter Award sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association's SCYP section. Go to the SCYP webpage [www.nol.org/home/NLA/SCYP/MadHatter.html](http://www.nol.org/home/NLA/SCYP/MadHatter.html) to learn more about the award and download a nomination form. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Mad Hatter Committee: Nancy Larimer, Kay Paulsen, Joan Chesley, Deb Carlson, or Toni Reese.

**PURPOSE:** To recognize an individual member of the Nebraska Library Profession who has made an outstanding contribution to School, Children and Young People's librarianship and library development.

**CRITERIA:** Individual nominated should have demonstrated achievements in the following areas:

1. Imaginative interpretation of library services
2. Development of innovative and creative programming for children and young adults
3. Demonstration of professional contributions to regional, state, and national library organizations, publications, and/or presentations.

\*Nominee **MUST** be a member of the School, Children and Young People's Section of the Nebraska Library Association

Nomination form, achievement sheets and photos need to be submitted by **August 20, 2004**, to:

Nancy Larimer  
7424 Laura Lynn Ct.  
Lincoln, NE 68516

**Southeast Library System Board Meeting**  
**April 2, 2004**  
**Lewiston Public School 10 a.m.**

**Board Members present:** Becky Baker (Seward Public Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE Libraries); Jelayne Clark (Talmage); Deb Goossen (Lewiston Public Schools); Ken Gunselman (York College Library); Boni Hathaway (Peru State College); Steve Hunt (Plattsmouth Public Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library).

**Also present:** Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); Richard Miller (NLC) and Kris Rogge (NLC).

**Board Members absent:**

Alicia Graybill (Fairbury Public Library); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Hope Schawang (Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library)

**Agenda**

**I. What's New Around the System:** President Baker called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Board members then discussed current activities taking place at their libraries.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Jelayne Clark, second by Jan Thomsen, the minutes from the February 19, 2004 meeting were approved. Motion passed.

**III. Financial Report:** Jenni discussed the current financial report. She noted that the increased cost for the new copier's service agreement will be put into the equipment line.

The Board then reviewed the transaction report. The transaction report was reviewed. On a motion by Rebecca Bernthal, second by Steve Hunt, the transaction report was approved. Motion passed.

**IV. SELS Business:**

A. The annual meeting will be held June 22, 2004 at Aurora's Edgerton Center. There will be a tour at 10 a.m., with the meeting to follow.

B. Board vacancies: Becky Baker agreed to run again for the SELS Board. Jelayne Clark indicated she would not be running for re-election. The Board wishes Jelayne the best with her young and growing family.

C. The Nebraska Library Commission will be providing funds to help support the equipment and print resources of each System office. Brenda mentioned Dewey abridged, and Sears as possible print resources SELS could purchase for system libraries.

**V. Administrator's Report:** Brenda's report was discussed. It was noted that she has been very busy, traveling to and assisting member libraries. Board member Sandy Elton had sent Brenda information about all of the Correction sites, and Brenda read that to the group. Brenda also commented on preparations for the upcoming NLA convention in October. Aside from her duties as Vice President of the Association, Brenda also submitted a session idea from the CASTL group. This session, entitled One Book May Librarians, will bring librarians from across the state together to discuss the same novel. Jenni also reported that the newsletter is now online, thanks to the NLC.

**VI. NLC Report:** Richard Miller reported on upcoming continuing education opportunities at NLC.

**IX. Committee Meetings:** Committee members met at 2 p.m., and returned to the full Board at 2:20 p.m. The continuing education committee reported that various presenters are scheduled for the annual training day. This will be held at Hamilton College in Lincoln, and many of the sessions will take advantage of the College's computer lab. Jenni and Brenda have been contacting and scheduling presenters.

The promotion committee reported that they were considering options to promote the use of SELS by member libraries. They discussed a possible membership survey and a welcome packet for new or inactive libraries in the system. Jenni will group libraries by area, and ask CASTL member and/or SELS Board members to contact the libraries in their area.

It was noted that the committees are based on SELS service roles. Merging some of the committees that share similar interests and goals will be placed on the annual meeting agenda.

**X.** The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next SELS Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 22, 2004 at 10 a.m. in Aurora.

May/June 2004

**"Do you ever just get  
down on your knees and  
thank God you have access  
to me and my dementia?"**

**- George Castanza,  
*Seinfeld***

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